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Sixth Agmark Ghee conference - Certain resolutions - Action taken
by the Provincial Government - Report

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Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture
New Delhi, the 20th May, 1949.

From
R.C. Sinha, Esquire,
Under Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture,
Government of India,.

To
All Provincial Governments and Local Administrations.

Sub: Sixth Agmark Ghee Conference - September 1948 - Proceedings
Resolutions passed.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of the proceedings of the Six Agmark Ghee Conference held at New Delhi, in September, 1948, and to request that action on the following resolutions passed thereat may kindly be taken in so far as the Provincial Government Local Administration is concerned and this Ministry furnished with a progress report by the 15th August, 1949:-

- (1) Resolution No.1 (Parts (ii),(iii) and (iv)
- (2) Resolution No.2(PartV)
- (3) Resolution No. 5(PartII)
- (4) Resolution No.7
- (5) Resolution No.8
- (6) Resolution No. 13.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-x x x x x
Under Secretary.

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:-

1. Ministry of Health (with reference to resolutions Nos. 2(iv), 5(iii) and 11 and 12). Resolutions Nos. 11 and 12 may be forwarded to the Provincial Governments and States for necessary action. These may also be placed before the next meeting of the Committee on food standards appointed by the Central Advisory Board of Health and a decision when arrived at communicated to this Ministry in due course.
2. Ministries of Defence, Home Education and Transport with reference to resolution No.5(iii). The Provincial Governments and States may be requested to take necessary action pertaining to jails, Hospitals, college hostels and public messes
3. Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi, the Indian Dairy Research Institute, Bangalore and the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, New Delhi, with reference to resolution No.9.

By order,
Sd/-x x x x x
Under Secretary.

Copy with 30 ~~xxx~~ spare copies together with an equal number of copies of the proceedings forwarded to the Ministry of States with the request that the same may kindly be forwarded to all the state Governments and Union of States for necessary action with 7,8 and 13. Their replies when received may be communicated to this Ministry in due course.

By Order,
Sd/x-x x x x
Under Secretary.

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Resolution No.1:- Extension of Agmark grading (item A-6 of the Agenda)-

This conference recommends that a grading of ghee under the agmark should be expanded by:-

- (1) intensive propaganda in favour of sale and consumption of graded ghee.
- (2) banning of inter-provincial movement of ungraded ghee.
- (3) fixing on a triennial basis a percentage of graded ghee for export to other areas, so that a reasonable proportion of the total Agmark ghee for graded may remain within the producing area for local consumption,
- (4) permitting liberal export of ghee graded by producers' co-operative societies, and
- (5) allowing special standards in the beginning wherever necessary, provided the P.A. Test is made compulsory and that ghee packed under those special standards bears a distinguishable Agmark label.

Note: Pandit Radhakant Malaviya and Mr. B.S. Deshpande opposed part (i) of the Resolution and desired that their opposition should be recorded on the ground that no further propaganda should be undertaken till we were thoroughly satisfied that the ghee we put on the market under the Agmark Scheme was absolutely pure and of the correct quality and approved by the Public.

Part (ii) of the Resolution was also opposed by a few members including Pandit Malviya and Mr. Deshpande.

Resolution No. 2:- Check on the quality of Agmark Ghee (item A-4 of the Agenda).

The conference recommends that for checking the quality of Agmark ghee, measures should be taken to tighten up further, the quality control arrangements by -

- (1) Check sampling at least 25 per cent of the total number of melts instead of 15 per cent at present,
- (2) analysing completely all check samples and 50 per cent of the melt samples against 35 per cent at present at present and subjecting 10 per cent of the total samples so analysed to P.A. test at the control Laboratories.
- (3) making arrangements for expeditious analysis of the samples by opening regional laboratories and strengthening the staff and other arrangements at the existing control laboratories,
- (4) requesting the Municipal and public health authorities to assist effectively in checking the quality of Agmark ghee, and
- (5) issuing Letters, of Authority for collecting check samples to persons in responsible positions, such as members of the Central and Provincial Legislatures, Officers of Public bodies like Go-Sown Sangh, Wardha, and others.

Resolution No.5:- Popularising Agmark ghee (item A-10 of the Agenda)

This Conference recommends that with a view to promoting grading under the Agmark standards, the following steps should be taken for increasing the sale of Agmark ghee:-

- (1) the Agmark packers should be requested to limit their margin of profit on Agmark ghee and aim at larger turnover and also pack greater quantities of Agmark ghee in